



Dingle Lane: Consultation Outcomes Report

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Purpose

This document has been prepared for The Head of Highways for a decision on the proposed installation of a Zebra Crossing on Dingle Lane at its junction with Whitefields Road.

This report shall consider all representations received during the period of consultation undertaken for the proposed Zebra Crossing.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Authority has undertaken a review to identify areas that would benefit from having highway improvement schemes that promote and enhance active travel options as part of the 2026/2027 Integrated Settlement Funding.
- 1.2 As part of this process Dingle Lane near its junction with Whitefields Road was identified and has now been prioritised as a site that would benefit from the installation of a new zebra crossing facility. The crossing will assist pedestrians travelling to and from local schools and other amenities. The location can be seen below in Figure 1.1.

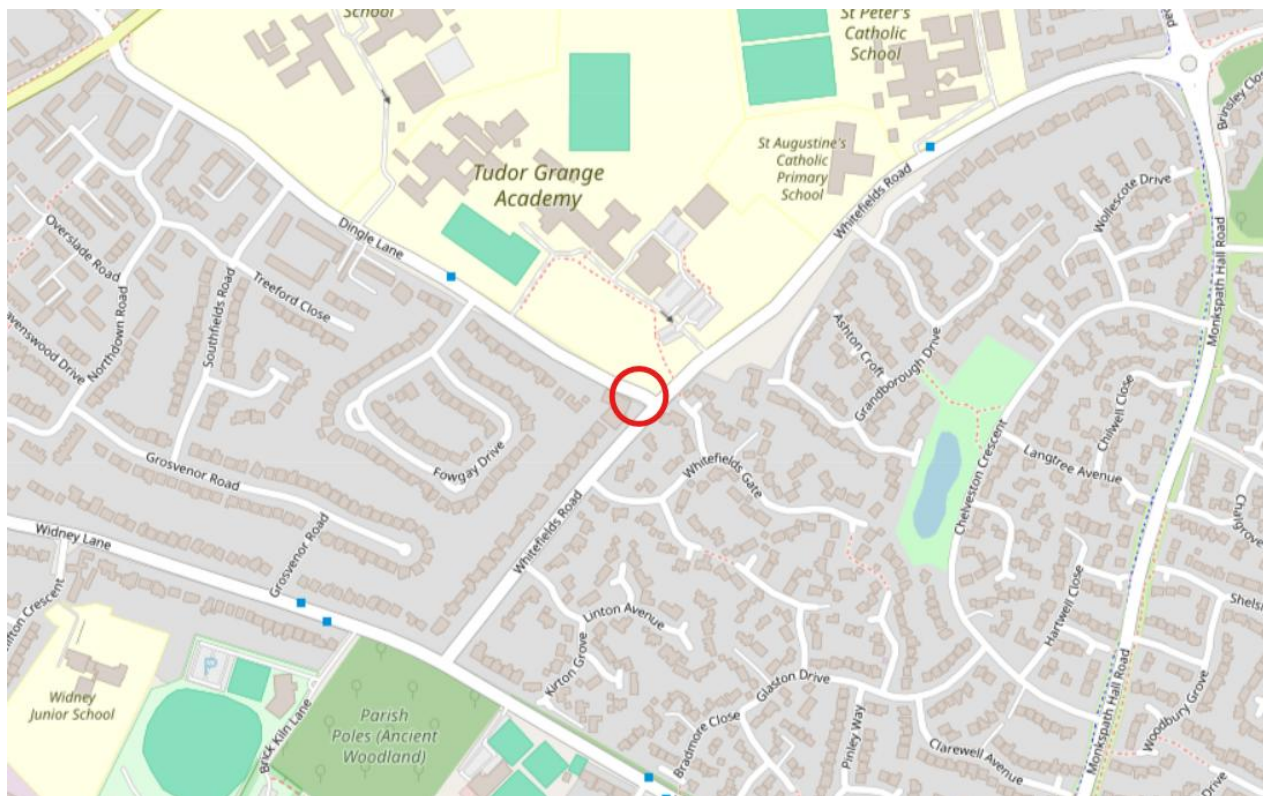


Figure 1.1: Location Plan of Proposals on Dingle Lane

- 1.3 The proposals as advertised are detailed in the consultation plan in Appendix A
- 1.4 The proposals as advertised in the legal notice are contained in Appendix B.

2. Representations for Consideration

- 2.1. The proposals were formally advertised on 24 July 2026 and the closing date for the receipt of representations was 14 August 2026.
- 2.2. 2 representations were received during the advertisement of the notices of which both provided suggestions & concerns regarding the proposals.
- 2.3. The Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Access Forum were consulted and raised no objections and had no comments to make on the proposals.
- 2.4. The representations comprising of suggestions or concerns have been considered and responded to below:

Representation/Issue	Supporting Commentary
1 – Proximity of the Zebra Crossing to Whitefields Road Junction / Visibility of Turning Vehicles	Both respondents expressed concerns regarding vehicles turning left from Whitefields Road into Dingle Lane and the proximity of the proposed crossing to the junction. One respondent noted that vehicles can turn into Dingle Lane at relatively high speeds and suggested additional warning signage for motorists approaching from Whitefields Road. Another respondent raised concerns that motorists turning left may have limited visibility of the crossing on approach and referred to incidents where pedestrians have had to take evasive action. Suggestions were made to relocate the crossing further from the junction or to introduce a raised table treatment across the junction area.
Officers Comments/Response	
The concerns raised have been carefully considered. The location of the proposed zebra crossing has been selected as it aligns with an established pedestrian desire line linking surrounding residential areas with several local educational and community facilities. The proposed crossing has been subject to an independent Combined Stage 1 and Stage 2 Road Safety Audit which did not raise any concerns regarding the proximity of the crossing to the junction of Whitefields Road. The audit did highlight the issue regarding overhanging vegetation potentially obscuring the belisha beacons and therefore the vegetation adjacent to the crossing will be cut back as part of the scheme to ensure the crossing infrastructure remains clearly visible to approaching motorists. The proposed crossing is located on the existing full width raised road hump, which assists in reducing vehicle speeds on approach to both the junction and crossing facility. Furthermore, Dingle Lane and Whitefields Road are both subject to a 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of the proposals. In addition to the proposed works, advance warning signs will be installed on approaches to the new crossing facility and the existing carriageway "SLOW" road markings on the Whitefields Road approach will be refreshed as part of the works to further highlight the presence of the crossing and encourage motorists to approach the junction with caution. Whilst concerns have been raised regarding drivers turning left from Whitefields Road into Dingle Lane, the introduction of a formal zebra crossing will provide pedestrians with priority over vehicles at a location where crossing demand is known to exist, particularly at peak times. The Authority considers that the proposed arrangement provides significant enhancements to pedestrian accessibility and overall road safety at this location. Following construction, a further external Road Safety Audit will be commissioned to identify any residual or latent road safety issues that the authority will be required to respond to and to make changes where it is considered appropriate to do so.	

3. Other Matters for Consideration

Ward Members' Views

- 3.1. The Ward Members for St Alphege w/Monkspath & Hillfield, Shirley East & Sharmans Cross, and Shirley South were consulted on the proposals prior to the advertising of the notice and did not submit any objections.

Democratic Services

- 3.2 Democratic Services have confirmed that the notice was subject to the statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that representations were received as noted above.

Risk Implications

- 3.3 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision/project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputational risks.
- 3.4 The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

4. Recommendations for Decision

Officer Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the zebra crossing is constructed as advertised (Drawing no. 236226-SMBC-CON-DR-C-0001) in Appendix A.

For Decision

- 4.2 The Head of Highways is asked to approve:

Proposed Installation of a Zebra Crossing on Dingle Lane at its junction with Whitefields Road is implemented.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:



Signature:

Date: 10/09/2026

Dean Ward
Head of Highway s

Appendix A: Consultation Plan



Appendix B: Section 23 Legal Notice

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dingle Lane, Solihull - Proposed Establishment of New Zebra Crossing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Council, in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, intends to construct the following new Zebra Crossing facilities at the location specified below:

LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW ZEBRA CROSSING
Dingle Lane, Solihull - located near to its junction with Whitefields Road, sited upon the existing raised table.

A copy of the draft scheme, together with a map and details of the Council's reasons for proposing it, may be obtained via <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Traffic-regulation-orders> or by written request from the address below or inspected at Solihull Connect, The Core, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull during normal opening hours. Anyone wishing to object to the scheme should apply in writing to tro@solihull.gov.uk or to Mr L Stevenson, Legal & Democratic Services at the address given below, stating the grounds on which the objection is being made by 14 August 2026.

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